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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Alexis Scott-Ortiz,

Plaintiff,

v.

CBRE, Inc., a Delaware corporation; XYZ
Corporations I-V; and John and Jane Does I-
X,

Defendants.

No. CV-20-00238-DWL

**JOINT STATUS REPORT RE:
ARBITRATION**

1 Pursuant to the Court's order entered November 18, 2020 (Doc. 31), counsel for
2 the parties submit their second status report. Plaintiff's EEOC Charge referenced in the
3 Court's November 2020 Order and in the parties' first status report (Doc. 39) is still
4 pending at the EEOC's Los Angeles District Office. The law firm of Winston & Strawn
5 LLP has substituted as co-counsel for Defendant in this case. (Docs. 40 & 41)
6 Thereafter, counsel for the parties have been engaged in discussion exploring the
7 prospects of settlement as well as exchanging names of possible arbitrators. Actual
8 selection of an arbitrator, however, has been deferred while the parties cooperatively have
9 attempted to engage the EEOC in settlement discussion while Plaintiff's charge remains
10 pending.

11 Due to COVID restrictions and a change in the assigned EEOC investigator, there
12 was unforeseen delay in securing a date for settlement discussions with the EEOC. The
13 parties desired the EEOC's participation in order to explore a possible global resolution
14 of not only Plaintiff's claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1981 but also his Title VII and ADA
15 claims that remain pending at the EEOC. A settlement conference with all parties and the
16 EEOC took place on the date of this status report, November 18, 2021.

17 Although no settlement was reached today, the parties and EEOC have agreed to
18 continue settlement discussions in order to fully evaluate the exchange of information and
19 settlement prospects. Plaintiff and Defendant further agree that, as long as these
20 discussions remain productive, it would be counter-productive to start the formal
21 arbitration process. However, the parties will continue their efforts to select a mutually
22 agreed arbitrator so that arbitration can commence in the event settlement discussion
23 prove non-productive.

24 The parties agree to further advise the Court once settlement discussions conclude
25 or if they are unable to come to an agreement on the selection of an arbitrator.
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1 Respectfully submitted this 18th day of November, 2021.

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